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SUBJECT: RAILROAD STRIKE ENDED: BUT DISPUTE NOT RESOLVED

REF: SAN JOSE 1748

1. THE STRIKING DEMOCRATIC ATLAFLIC RAILROAD WORKERS UNION, WHICH HAD PARALYZED THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ATLANTIC RAILROAD SINCE MAY 5 TYING UP THE LIMON PORT AND CAUSING THE LOSS OF SEVERAL MILLION COLONES IN BANANAS, AGREED TO ORDER ITS MEMBERS BACK TO WORK MAY 9. THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF THE WALKOUT, UNION DEMANDS FOR WAGE INCREASES AND THE DISMISSAL OF THE RAILROAD'S MANAGER FOR ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF WORKERS, HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. THE BACK-TO-WORK AGREEMENT, WORKED OUT WITH THE MEDIATION OF LABOR MINISTER MORALES, MERELY STIPULATES THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE UNIONS ORIGINAL DEMANDS WILL RESUME ONCE THE STRIKE ENDED.

2. THE AGREEMENT DOES REPRESENT A VICTORY OF SORTS

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FOR THE NEW ODUBER GOVERNMENT, WHICH VOWED NOT TO

GIVE IN TO THE UNION'S DEMANDS WHILE THE STRIKE,
RULED ILLEGAL BY THE LABOR COURTS, WAS IN PROGRESS.
HOWEVER, THE TEMPORARY TRUCE COULD BE UPSET
BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF
BANANA GROWERS TO SUE THE UNION FOR LOSS OF
BANANAS CAUSED BY THE STRIKE.
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